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Pondering The Empty Tomb

Joining Hands

Take a brief look inside our mission organization, Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT). Hopefully, these insights will encourage your enthusiasm and commitment to joining hands in prayer for the Bibleless people of the world.

- In March of 2000, Wycliffe celebrated the 500th New Testament translated by, or with the help of WBT translators. PTL!
- Still, more than 380 million people (representing 3000 language groups) do not have any portion of the Bible in their language.
- Missionaries with WBT come from 46 different countries and are currently working in 1,095 languages.

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I ask myself, "If I were Peter or John, would I have run to the tomb after being told by Mary Magdalene, that the tomb was unsealed and Jesus' body was gone? (John 20). Would I have been that eager to discover for myself the truth? Considering all the implications, if in fact, Jesus had been raised from the dead, would I have wanted to know the truth?"

Yes I would. I think that is true for every Christian as they experience walking with Jesus, even though not in His physical presence. Peter and John were blessed to be in His presence, enjoying His humor, witnessing His miracles of healing and His compassionate love and revolu-

tionary teachings of humility and servanthood and then pondering the reality of His claims.

**"I came that they might have life and have it to the full."
John 10:10**

Yes, I would run. Not only because of the amazing things I had seen and heard, but because this truth was more important to have, to own, and to share than any other could possibly be. For if indeed Jesus is alive, than He did speak truthfully from the heart of God. If He lives, and lives in me, then I can know victory over the challenges in this life-sin, failing relationships, hopelessness, self-destructive habits, poor

choices of my past, and physical death.

But for the person not yet believing, this truth about the risen Lord Jesus is a very frightening concept to accept. Running to the "empty tomb" to discover the truth is not likely. Avoidance of the truth or even rejecting that truth exists is where many prefer to remain.

Believing friends, allow the risen Christ to reign victoriously in every part of your life. Give to Him the hard-to-let-go-of stuff. And watch the God of the empty tomb do amazing things in your life.

Friends who don't yet believe, pursue this truth as if eternal life depends on it for you and your loved ones. It does.

Captain's Log: French Kissing

What are you thinking? I am referring to the manner in which greetings occur between friends in France. You know, the kiss on each side of your face where lips touch nothing but only make the noise. Here is the rule to never forget. Always offer your left cheek first. Forgetting this can be very embarrassing.

Other than a few cultural here has been really good. bery, our language school, gives us a nice view of the We are making friends and miss everyone back home for all those who are making it possible for us to be here. Merci Beaucoup!



mishaps, our experience We like the city of Chambéry and our apartment, which surrounding mountains. adjusting well. But we do and we are so very grateful

Praises

- Minimum financial support goals met, allowing us to depart on time
- Overwhelming encouragement from family and friends in our final weeks and months in California
- We found wonderful doctors and a terrific daycare for Abby
- Faithful ministry partners
- Helpful friends/colleagues here
- Healthy pregnancy
- Some progress in learning French

Prayer Requests

- Deepening of our devotional lives
- Growth in our marriage's "tender places."
- Healthy delivery & healthy baby
- Abby's adjustment to baby bro
- Our French language learning
- Opportunities to share Christ



HEY BOYS AND GIRLS, HERE'S A FAVOR REQUEST FROM ME, ABBY. WOULD LOVE A PICTURE OF YOU.



Sun's Perspective

Have you ever experienced an unexpected blessing from God? In the Bible God said that if we ask it shall be given to us. We are constantly waiting for God to answer the prayers of things that we ask for. Yet when God provides something that we didn't ask for we tend to not notice it. In Matthew 6:8 Jesus tells us that God knows what our needs are even before we ask him. This passage is speaking so loudly to me during our transition to France.

After a month of French studies and feeling the need for independence, I sat down and wrote out what I wanted to say to make an appointment for Abby's routine check-up. I didn't really understand what the receptionist was saying as she took down my name and number but at least I got an appointment. It never dawned on me the complications of seeing a doctor that does not speak English. It just so happened that the assigned doctor spoke excellent English. Boy was this a relief when Abby got really sick later on. He was so kind and explained everything to me. I can imagine the turmoil and frustration I would have felt if he didn't speak English. I say this because when I called to speak to him, the receptionist was blurting out French. I had no idea what she was saying. I was so frustrated that I started to cry. I finally got to talk to the doctor. Unexpected Blessing. God gives it to us without asking. What comfort it is to know that God knows our every need!

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Any advice on what to expect living overseas? Vagabond

Dear Vagabond: One thing is everybody that you are used to seeing on a regular basis all of a sudden disappears. You begin to see and play with new faces. Another thing is Mommy & Daddy might start substituting certain items. Ex: stroller for car, beef jerky for steak, open markets for Costco, French bread baguettes for whole wheat sliced bread.

Dear Abby: A few days ago I watched my dad goof up a prank on some people. Any advice for him? Prankster

Dear Prankster: My dad is the same way. It's important that you and

your daddy are together on the prank. I was an accomplice to one. We were playing "dig-dong-ditch" and my dad failed to tell me not to respond when the other party said "hello" on the intercom.

Dear Abby: How do you convey what is yours and what is your mom's? Possessive

Dear Possessive: You start by getting your mom's attention and staking your claim with a big "mine". For instance, when my mommy was claiming the dust pan and dust broom as hers, I simply went to the broom closet and got the bigger broom and came back to tell mommy that this was "Abby's" and pointed at her little dust broom saying that was "mommy's".

